

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2006

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Rick Landavazo – The Friends of Hellhole Canyon has been working with parks and recreation staff and it has been a great working relationship and what a great experience it has been to work with staff.
 - Paul Davis – I have been trying to get some property that I own in Iowa as parkland and I have actually found two organizations that are trying to coordinate these types of land acquisitions and am working to become a member and help them acquire funding to allow them to maintain lands like this.
 - Doug Goad – The Rails to Trails Conservancy has considered Oceanside to be a recipient of a \$50 million grant because it is considered a central point for the trail network. I think that it is a good sign that they are really starting to put funding towards trails and trail connection efforts.
 - Rod Groenewold – I have been watching this also and these trails should also go to the new park in Vista and connect by the Antique Gas and Steam Engine museum, Guajome Park, etc.
 - Mike McCoy – I would like to have David Robinson come to the January meeting and give a presentation on Endangered Species Day. I will work with Renee and Randy to coordinate this. I would also like to put out there that
 - Doug Goad – I would like to respond to that request and I would say that I prefer to have an in person and face to face meeting instead
 - Rick Landavazo – I would like to ask if we could have Prop 84 on maybe the January or some future meeting.
3. Approval of September 8, 2006 Minutes
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MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
ALL IN FAVOR – 4-0-2
4. Distribution of Notes from October 13, 2006 meeting
5. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Randy Ford
 - Our Halloween Festivals at the three community centers were a big success once again this year with over 3,500 people attending the events.
 - We held our first movie in the park at El Monte County Park and had over 30 people attend and is something that we plan to continue.
 - There was also a movie in the park at Hellhole Canyon with over 50 attendees and pumpkin carving.

- I am very excited to tell you that we received \$6 million for paving projects in our county parks throughout the county are currently in the process of starting these projects, so you should all be seeing some of the benefits of these projects.
- The Rancho Christmas is coming up at Rancho Guajome Adobe

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ◆ PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Eric Wong
 - On November 8, 2006 the Board of Supervisors approved the new Landscape and Lighting District in Rancho San Diego and I will add this to the list so that you can see what is happening in this area.,
 - Valley Center has allocated a large amount of their PLDO funds to improve and upgrade the parks and facilities in their area.
 - Doug Goad – I see that some of these accounts are increasing is this a cyclical rotation or how does it go up.
 - ◆ No, it is not cyclical at all it is just based on the development growth of the various areas.
 - ◆ We are in the process of moving forward with the Julian Park Maintenance Assessment District.
 - ◆ We met with CSA 128 regarding the possibility of setting up a Park Maintenance Assessment District in this area. The discussion went well and they had a lot of questions and we will be going back to meet with them again in January.
- ◆ PLDO Fee Increase Proposal – Matt Bohan
 - ◆ We have been working on this for about a year with the Planning Groups, Community Groups, Board of Supervisors offices, Building Industry and continue to work on this.
 - ◆ Currently, we do not have the consensus of the Community Planning Groups supporting our efforts.
 - ◆ The fees we have proposed are based on actual costs in each of the various areas.
 - ◆ On December 15, 2006 we will be taking this forward to the Planning Commission. It will not be an action item, but as an informational item, but we are expecting that they may try to continue the item to be able to vote on it and oppose it.
 - ◆ With the current plan we would go to the Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2007.
 - Mike McCoy – I think that it would be very helpful for us to have a summary of the proposal and timeline to review and be able to use at the various meetings.
 - Doug Goad – It is a direct correlation to community development by housing or enhancing the community by park amenities.
 - ◆ Some of the groups have argued that the developers will just pass on these new fees to the homebuyer and this will increase the cost of housing which would go against the affordable housing initiative, but even if they passed on the entire fee it is less than 1% of the cost of the home.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – It is ridiculous to say that this will be a factor in raising the cost of housing because the amount is so minimal in comparison. It has also been shown that through surveys that the most important thing to people is parks and trails and we can't get these trails without this funding.

- TJRV Trails and Habitat Plan – Maeve Hanley
 - We received approximately 270 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the plan and in response to these comments we actually moved a section of the trail and added an two new sections of trail.
 - After we made these corrections we had to put out a revised Draft EIR, but this time only received 7 comments. We are very happy about this and think that we are getting to a point where the community is happy and we are still meeting all of our environmental and user needs.
 - Mike McCoy – There were a lot of problems with the bridge, will it be realistic to have this?
 - ◆ We are going to have 80 foot pilings and the City of San Diego will be doing dredging in the area.
 - ◆ We are going to be restoring 40 acres of land and this is satisfactory for Fish and Wildlife and Fish and Game.
 - Mike McCoy – How can we help support this? It would also be helpful to have some talking points and information on this item for us.
 - ◆ This item will be going to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 and we could use any support from this group and the community on this.
 - All Committee Members Present – We are all in support of this Draft EIR and project and move that it continues to move forward.

7. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- None

8. Adjournment 9:30 am Marilyn Wilkinson

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Mike McCoy, District 1
 Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2
 Doug Goad, District 3
 Paul Davis, District 3
 Rod Groenewold, District 5
 Rick Landavazo, District 5
 Brian Albright, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Randy Ford, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Maeve Hanley, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Eric Wong, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Matt Bohan, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation